

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.-36. (cancelled)

37. (currently amended) The card of claim 36 51, wherein the control comprises a plurality of touch-sensitive pads.

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38. (currently amended) The method of claim 36 51, wherein the magnetic storage region comprises a magnetic stripe.

39. (original) The method of claim 38, wherein the magnetic stripe is configured so as to be compatible with conventional magnetic stripe readers.

40. (currently amended) The method of claim 36 51, wherein the first and second account identification data includes data representing an account number.

41. (cancelled)

42. (currently amended) The method of claim 41 51, further including a processor coupled to the fingerprint reader and the memory, the memory storing a fingerprint, the processor being configured to compare a fingerprint read by the fingerprint reader with the fingerprint stored in memory, the device for writing being responsive to whether the fingerprint read by the fingerprint reader matches the fingerprint stored in memory.

43.-50 (cancelled)

51. (re-presented, formerly dependent claim 41) A card comprising:

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a memory for storing a first account identification data and a second account identification data;

a control coupled to the memory for allowing a user to select either the first account identification data or the second account identification data;

a re-writeable magnetic storage region coupled to the memory;

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a device for writing either the first or the second account identification data responsive to the control; and

a fingerprint reader coupled to the memory, the device for writing being responsive to the fingerprint reader.

52. (new) A method for configuring a device that transforms a first card into another card selected from a plurality of cards, and confirming a transaction using one of the cards, the method comprising the steps of:

storing a first account identification data for a first card to a database;

storing account identification data for a second card and a third card to the database, the database associating the account identification data of the first card with the account identification data of the second and third cards;

storing the account identification data for each of the first card, the second card and the third card into a memory of the device, the memory and the device being separate from the database;

storing a transaction data to the database, the database associating the transaction data with the account identification data of one of the second and third cards; and verifying a transaction using the transaction data.

53. (new) The method of claim 52, further including the step of generating a security test, the step of storing being performed depending upon whether the security test is passed.

54. (new) The method of claim 52, further including the step of generating a security test, the step of verifying being performed depending upon whether the security test is passed.

55. (new) The method of claim 52, wherein the step of storing the account identification data of the second and third cards into the database includes reading the account identification data from the second and third cards using a magnetic read head.

56. (new) The method of claim 52, wherein the step of storing a transaction to the database includes sending the account identification data of the second and third cards to the database via at least one of a telephone network and the Internet.

57. (new) The method of claim 52, wherein the step of storing the transaction data to the database includes sending the transaction data to the database via at least one of a telephone network and the Internet.